

Dec. 6, 1924.

Mr. Will C. Barnes, Ass't. Forester,

U. S. Forest Service.

Dear Mr. Barnes:-

With reference to McGowan Peak, your letter of December 1,  
(G)RM, Maps-Boise, Geographic Names;

The Board decision was rendered in June, 1916, at the request of W. B. Greeley, Assistant Forester, who transmitted a copy of a letter by David Laing, Forest Supervisor, Holey, Idaho, and also a copy of the Sawtooth National Forest map of date 1915, on which this peak and its name and other peak and lake names were marked in red ink. On this map McGowan Peak is located just south of Stanley lake, in Sec. 12, T. 10 N., R. 11 E. When the card had been made out with this description, it was forwarded to Mr. Greeley, who initialed it as correct.

Comparing the Sawtooth National Forest map of 1915 with that of 1924, I find that the adjustments of the land survey net are very dissimilar. On the 1924 map this peak falls in Sec. 8, T. 10 N., R. 12 E., and is marked as a Geological Survey triangulation point and bears the name Thompson Peak. Now Thompson Peak, as described in the Fifth report of the Board, is near Goat lake, on the boundary between Boise and Custer Counties, Idaho. This correctly describes its position on the 1915 map submitted by Mr. Greeley, and corresponds approximately with the G. S. triangulation point called Iron on your 1924 map, located in Sec. 1, T. 9 N., R. 12 E.

I hope I have made it clear that the peak which you call Thompson Peak on the 1924 map of the Sawtooth National Forest is the peak which the Board was asked to name and did name McGowan, and that the peak which the Board was asked to name and did name Thompson Peak is the one near Goat lake, marked by the triangulation point Iron.

Very truly yours,

James McCormick.  
Secretary.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE



ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE FORESTER  
AND REFER TO

WASHINGTON

(G)EM  
Maps-Boise  
Geographic Names  
(McGowan Peak)

December 1, 1924.

Secretary, United States Geographic Board,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

The Forester has received the following letter under date of November 22 from the District Forester at Ogden, Utah:

"The Fifth Report of the U.S. Geographic Board names a peak in Idaho, described as follows:

"McGowan; peak, Township 10 North, Range 11 East, Custer County, Idaho.

"We are unable to identify this peak from any maps we have, and the Supervisor of the Boise National Forest knows of no peak by that name in that immediate vicinity. It appears that this is a typographical error in making up the report of the Geographic Board, as there is a McGowan Peak, which is also a Geological Survey triangulation station in T.12 N., R.14 E., on Challis National Forest. It is believed that the two have either been confused or this is a typographical error. The two points are only about 20 miles apart, and if the report is correct we will take steps to have the McGowan Peak in T.10 N., R.11 E., B.M., changed."

Will you please look into this matter and advise us what the records show.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William D. Barnes".  
Assistant Forester.